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1. "The political situation in Siam is still unchanged. The government is very keen on keeping all Communistic influences out. The population remains uninterested in political issues of any kind and the Chinese minority is under close superveillance. There always remains, of course, the possibility of a fresh coup detat by antigovernment parties whether backed by Communism or not, but under the circumstances such attempt will not likely be successful.

this country will remain independent and free of Communism as long as it is not directly threatened from outside. With Chinese Communist armies across the border in Indo-China, the whole picture would, of course, change. At present it looks as if the Chinese power is largely tied up in Korea, but if they should find that they cannot achieve their objective there, they might try to start a war in the south because as you know a dictator can never acknowledge defeat and if he cannot win at one end he must try to cover that up by a victory somewhere else."

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